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ITEM NO: WH-3

DATE: JUNE 29, 1974

SUBJECT: INTER-FEDAYEEN CLASH AT REFUGEE CAMPS NEAR BEIRUT

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CLASHES BETWEEN OPPOSING FEDAYEEN FACTIONS NEAR BEIRUT ON
FRIDAY CLAIMED AT LEAST 26 LIVES AND LEFT OVER 50 WOUNDED. THE
EXCHANGES RESULTED FROM A CONTINUING FEUD OVER THE PAST TWO
WEEKS BETWEEN THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE-
GENERAL COMMAND (PFLP-GC) LED BY AHMAD JABRIL AND THE POPU-
LAR DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE (PDFLP)
HEADED BY NAYIF HAWATMAH.

THE ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS IS ROOTED IN DIVISIONS
OVER THE POLICY TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT EFFORT. THE PFLP-GC HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF
DIEHARDS REJECTING THE VERY NOTION OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WHILE
THE PDFLP HAS ALIGNED ITSELF WITH YASIR ARAFAT AND THE SO-CALLED

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MODERATES WHO FAVOR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

FEDAYEEN POLICE FROM THE PALESTINE ARMED STRUGGLE COMMAND AND OTHER FEDAYEEN UNITS MANAGED TO IMPOSE A CEASE-FIRE. A HIGH-LEVEL PLO COMMITTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM ARAFAT TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE FIGHTING. DESPITE CLAIMS BY THE PLO NEWS AGENCY THAT THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AGAIN REIGNS, THE FUNERALS OF THOSE KILLED ON FRIDAY COULD SPARK NEW EXCHANGES. E-2 IMPDET.

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